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Hon. Philip N. Asprodites
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Re: Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A
Pitkin Field
Vernon Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **SWIFT ENERGY COMPANY** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, in the Pitkin Field, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production units were created by the 1412 and 1412-A Series of Office of Conservation Orders:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, in the Pitkin Field, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, to be designated AUS C RA SUL, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. To provide that the proposed Sand Unit L, being formed by combining all of existing Sand Units B and H and a portion of Sand Unit A, shall apply to unit production from such well or wells designated to service said unit, but that the existing Sand Units A, B and H continue in effect and continue to apply to unit production from existing unit wells and any future wells designated to service said units.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate Swift Energy Company as operator of the proposed unit and to designate a unit well at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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5. To extend to the proposed additional unit all pertinent provisions of the 1412 and 1412-A Series of Office of Conservation Orders and all applicable Statewide Orders.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, in the Pitkin Field, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1412, effective February 12, 1997.

Pertinent data including well logs, may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone Number (337) 232-5004.

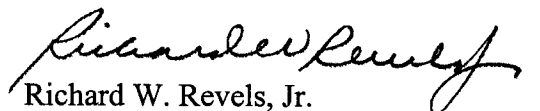
It is the opinion of the applicant that creation of the proposed combined unit is necessary to prevent waste, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells and will otherwise be in the interest of conservation. Without creation of the new unit, the applicant will be unable to drill the proposed unit well at the optimum location to drain additional reserves underlying the three existing units which contribute acreage to the combined unit and such reserves cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well in the three units. No change is intended or requested with respect to the manner in which current unit production from the existing unit wells on Sand Units A, B and H is being shared by each individual unit.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, pre-application notice was given. No request for a conference has been received, and for that reason, the conference WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this pre-application notice is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plat (being the same plat attached to the pre-application notice dated March 14, 2001) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, plat and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/dbf

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Office of Conservation (Lafayette)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

